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In the Claims:

(original) A computer-implemented method of replicating data from a first member of a replica set to a second member of a replica set, comprising:

creating a manifest file at the first member, the manifest file including an identifier for each of a plurality of resources that exist at the first member;

causing the manifest file to be reproduced at the second member of the replica set;

in response to the manifest file being reproduced at the second member, identifying whether each resource identified in the manifest file exists at the second member; and

if a first resource identified in the manifest file does not exist at the second member, preventing a second resource identified in the manifest file from being executed until the first resource does exist at the second member.

- 2. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein identifying whether each resource exists at the second member includes comparing information in the manifest file with information stored at the second member, the information stored at the second member identifying a plurality of resources stored at the second member.
- 3. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the identifier for each resource includes a version identifier associated with the resource.
- 4. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 3, wherein identifying whether each resource exists at the second member includes comparing the version identifier for the resource with another version identifier associated with another copy of the resource stored at the second member.
- 5. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising if the first resource does not exist at the second member, awaiting receipt of the first resource at the second member and, in response to receiving the first resource at the second member, executing the second resource.

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6. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising if the first resource does not exist at the second member, awaiting receipt of every resource identified in the manifest file, and in response to a final resource identified in the manifest file being received at the second member, executing the second resource.

Claims 7-17 (canceled)

18. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for facilitating the replication of data from a first member of a replica set to a second member of the replica set, comprising:

receiving a notice that a resource in a group of resources is being modified, the group of resources being interrelated such that a proper functioning of the group of resources is dependent on a similar version of each resource in the group of resources coexisting;

in response to the notice, issuing an instruction to create a manifest file; and adding to the manifest file an identifier for each resource in the group of resources.

- 19. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein adding the identifier for each resource to the manifest file further comprises adding to the manifest file a globally-unique identifier for each resource.
- 20. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein adding the identifier for each resource to the manifest file further comprises adding to the manifest file a version identifier for each resource.